

FENCE PERMIT GUIDE



The Department of Permits and
Inspections
Talbot County, Maryland

Zoning Certificate

- A zoning certificate is required prior to construction of a fence in Talbot County. A zoning certificate application may be obtained from the Talbot County Department of Permits and Inspections located at 28712 Glebe Road, Easton, Maryland. Office hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. A fee of \$35.00 is required for the permit. Each applicant is required to fill out the highlighted portion of the permit application and sign and date the bottom.
- The permit application must be accompanied by two (2) copies of a plot plan (a drawing of the property also referred to as a site plan). The plot plan shall show the proposed location of the fence in relation to the property lines and existing structures on the property. County zoning regulations restrict fence heights to 4 feet in the front yard and 6 feet in side or rear yards. The plot plan may be prepared by the applicant or the applicant's surveyor provided the drawing is accurate, legible and to scale.
- After a stakeout inspection is completed by a building inspector and approved, the zoning certificate will be issued.
- An applicant is required to contact the Department of Permits and Inspections at 410-770-6840 for a final inspection upon completion of the fence installation.
- Construction must begin within nine months and be completed within eighteen months.
- Above ground and in-ground pools constructed on properties less than one acre in size shall be enclosed by a fence or wall measuring no less than four feet in height.

This brochure may not address all situations but is intended to provide general information for the permitting process.

Fence Permit Guide